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PERSONAL FOR ADMIRAL BAYNE FROM AMBASSADOR TWINAM AND REAR ADMIRAL BINGLEY

E.O. 11652 : GDS

TAGS : MARR, MOPS, MILI, BA

SUBJECT : NWC VISIT TO BAHRAIN

REFERENCE : STATE 046086

1. BAHRAINIS, AND YOUR OTHER ADMIRERS HERE, ARE DELIGHTED AT PROSPECT YOUR VISIT APRIL 28. AMIR, PRIME MINISTER AND CROWN PRINCE WILL WANT YOU TO CALL. WE WOULD LIKE TO ACCOMPANY YOU, AND FOREIGN MINISTER HAS SUGGESTED NO MORE THAN REPRESENTATIVE FIVE OF NWC GROUP COME ALONG. (IF YOU PREFER, WE COULD TRY TO ARRANGE YOUR SEPARATE PRIVATE CALL ON AMIR BUT SCHEDULE MAY BE TOO TIGHT FOR THIS UNLESS HE SUGGESTS YOU DROP BY NEXT MORNING PRIOR TO LEAVING.)

2. RE LUNCHEON, WE HOPE FOR GOOD TURNOUT BAHRAINI MINISTERS. SHAIKH MOHAMMAD PREFERRED NCSO OFFICER'S CLUB SITE TO EITHER DELMON OR AL DAR (WHICH WALT STOLZ KINDLY OFFERED). SUGGEST ALL OF CABINET (EXCEPT PRIME MINISTER) BE INVITED BY MEANS AMBASSADOR'S LETTER CONVEYING YOUR INVITATION TO LUNCH. (LUNCHEON WOULD BE "NO HOST" FOR NWC GROUP AND RESIDENT USC ATTENDEES.) BELIEVE FIVE TO TEN GOB MINISTERS (SUCH AS SHAIKH MOHAMMAD, SHAIKH HAMAD, SHIRAWI, TARIQ MOAYYED) IN FORMAL SETTING WILL OFFER ARTICULATE, OPEN DISCUSSION POSSIBILITIES FOR NWC GROUP WHICH MORE FORMAL SETTING WOULD INHIBIT.

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3. WITH DEPARTURE NWC GROUP, WE CAN GET ON TO THE THINGS FOLKS
HERE ARE REALLY EXCITED ABOUT: DUKE BAYNE'S RETURN. BIGLEYS
WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO STAY WITH THEM BUT IN ORDER TO KEEP YOUR
OPTIONS OPEN, NO ADVANCE COMMITMENT IS NECESSARY. TWINAMS
WOULD LIKE TO GIVE SMALL, INFORMAL DINNER PARTY (NON AL-KHALIFA,
NON-MINISTERIAL). WOULD INCLUDE BIGLEYS, STOLZES, ABDULLA ALI
REZAS (MOHAMMAD WILL BE AWAY), TESHES AND ROSE NYKERK PLUS TWO
OR SO ADDITIONAL COUPLES, PREFERABLY OF YOUR CHOICE. (IRANIAN
AMBASSADOR SEPAHBODY IS STILL HERE AS IS PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR
KHAN; THEN THERE ARE ALL THE KANOOS, MOAYYEDS, YATEEMS, ETC.)
REGRET NEED TO RESTRICT GUESTS TO 16 OR SO, BUT THIS DICTATED
NOT ONLY BY PHYSICAL FACILITIES BUT ALSO NEED TO KEEP IT "IN
GROUP" LEST AMIR OR SOME KEY MINISTER "PRE-EMPTS" YOU ON SHORT
NOTICE. AMBASSADOR HAS "CLEARED" IDEA OF "PRIVATE" DINNER
PARTY WITH SHAIKH MOHAMMAD BUT ONE NEVER KNOWS.

4. WE ARE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT. WARM REGARDS.
TWINAM

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